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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir; the Government of India Committee as well as the local committees that have gone into this question have recommended that there should be only one standard of education."

AN HON. MEMBER :—" May I know what is the period of the course? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Five years, Sir."

SRI K. S. SUBRAMANIA GOUNDER :—" Will the Government consider the possibility of reviving the L.I.M. course, so that the dispensaries in the rural parts may be benefited? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" That is a separate question, Sir."

SRI R. SIDDANNA GOWD :—" If the period of the course is not to be shortened, how are the Government going to meet the shortage of personnel? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The question will be considered in due course."

Legal aid to poor litigants.

* 280 Q.—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government propose to extend the Scheme of Separation of the Judiciary from the Executive to Malabar and South Kanara districts;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) whether there is any proposal before Government to make available free legal aid to poor litigants, civil and criminal?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" (a) & (b) Yes, but it is not possible now to indicate the probable date when this will be effected.

" (c) No, Sir, there is no proposal; Government have more than once examined the question, and in view of the very liberal provisions of Law regarding procedure in trials, both in civil and criminal cases, they have decided against introducing any scheme for this purpose. In the case of trials for offences involving capital sentence, legal assistance is invariably provided where there is no privately engaged lawyer to defend the accused person."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" In regard to the answer to clause (a) of the question, may I know what exactly is the impediment that stands in the way of the extension of the separation principle to Malabar? "

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THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" A committee has been constituted to review the work already done in the other districts."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Is it true that the Chief Minister opposed the separation of the Judiciary from the Executive in 1938 and has he since revised his opinion? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The committee that is going round largely confirms my opinion, Sir."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Will the Government consider extending the availability of free legal aid in the case of all cognisable offences? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The answer given to clause (c) of the main question is the answer to this question, Sir."

SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM :—" May I know whether the Government propose to extend the scheme of separation of Judiciary and Executive to the Tanjore district? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I have submitted that the policy of the Government was to extend it to all the districts, Sir."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" In spite of the Chief Minister's reply that the Committee appointed is confirming his opinion, may I take it that the Government are irrevocably committed to the principle, or are they likely to go back upon it? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" No, Sir, Government are committed to this change and it will be carried out; but we will have to be carefully watching the results and providing remedies."

SRI S. NARAYANAPPA :—" May I know when the committee was appointed and when the Government expect the committee to finish its work? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The Government expect the work to be over in a few months."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Do the Government feel that it is beneficial to separate the Judiciary from the Executive? What is their experience by this time? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Otherwise, the scheme would not have been pushed through, Sir."

SRI T. N. VENKATASUBBA REDDI :—" Is there any non-official member on the committee and will the Government place the report on the table of the House, when received? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The committee consists of a Judge of the High Court and a

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Member of the Board of Revenue. They have not finished their work yet; so, it is not possible to place anything on the table of the House at present."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—"If the policy of the Government is to separate the Judiciary from the Executive, may I know why the two were combined in Pudukkottai and they have thus acquired notoriety?"

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—"That question will be taken up in due course."

Construction of a bridge on the Nellore-Bombay road at Boyallachiruvilla.

*281 Q.—SRI G. C. KONDAYYA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representations made by the Atmakur Ryots Association and the people of Atmakur in May and June 1952 addressed to the district officials and the Hon. the Minister concerned with regard to the construction of a bridge on the Nellore-Bombay road at Boyallachiruvilla; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—"(a) Yes.

"(b) A report has been called for from the Chief Engineer (Highways)."

SRI G. C. KONDAYYA :—"Are the Government aware of the fact that representations have been made to Government regarding the construction of the bridge at Boyallachiruvilla."

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—"The Chief Engineer (Highways) has been asked to consult the Chief Engineer (Irrigation), if necessary, on this aspect of the question."

Construction of the Kuttipuram bridge across the "Bharathapuzha".

*282 Q.—SRI A. APPU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the reasons for the slow progress in the construction of the Kuttipuram bridge across the "Bharathapuzha" in Malabar;

(b) whether the contractor's work was found to be unsatisfactory and if so, what steps have been taken against him;

(c) how long has the work on this bridge construction been going on and when is it expected to be completed; and

(d) what is the estimated cost of the bridge and how much has been spent so far?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—"(a) to (d) A statement[a] is laid on the table of the House."

[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 694 infra.